### **NOAA** Fisheries

Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries

Saltonstall-Kennedy Research and Development Program

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## The 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program

- NOAA Fisheries announced the availability of funding for a 2017 Competitive S-K Solicitation
- There is a Mandatory Pre-Proposal Process that is open for 60 days (July 22 September 20)
- Pre-proposals must be submitted to NMFS.SK.PreProposals@NOAA.gov
- NOAA will encourage or discourage applicants at the end of the Pre-Proposal Process.
- All Letters will be sent between (September 21 and October 10)
- The Request for Full Applications (RFA) will remain open until 12/09/2016
- The RFA and Full Funding Opportunity (FFO) can be found at www.grants.gov
- FFO#: NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980



## Who Can Apply to the S-K Program?

Eligibility

Who Can Apply?

- You are a citizen or national of the United States
- You are a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia
- You represent an entity that is a citizen
  - Corporation, partnership, association, or other non-Federal entity, non-profit or otherwise (including Indian Tribes)

### Program Objective

## Objective of the S-K Program

- The objective of the S-K Grant Program is to address the needs of fishing communities in optimizing economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries and practices, dealing with the impacts of conservation and management measures, and increasing other opportunities to use existing infrastructure to support keeping working waterfronts viable.
- NMFS seeks applications that demonstrate direct benefits to the U.S. fishing industries and encourages proposals that involve fishing community participation

### The 2017 S-K Priorities

- Marine Aquaculture
- 2. Fisheries Data Collection
- 3. Techniques for Reducing Bycatch and other Adverse Impacts
- 4. Adapting to Climate Change and Other Long Term Ecosystem Change
- 5. Promotion, Development and Marketing
- 6. Socio-Economic Research
- 7. Territorial Science

## Promote and Development

## Marine Aquaculture

#### Projects that:

- (1) demonstrate marine aquaculture technologies in pilot and commercial scale projects that will create jobs in coastal communities, produce healthful local seafood, revitalize working waterfronts and support traditional fishing communities
- (2) provide training for fishermen and others in coastal communities in aquaculture production methods
- (3) document and assess socioeconomic impacts of marine aquaculture operations.

**Priorities** 

1. Marine Aquaculture

## Fishery Data Collection

**Priorities** 

2. Fishery Data Collection

#### Projects that:

1) Improve the cost-effectiveness, accuracy, timeliness, and methods for the collection, reporting and dissemination of both fishery dependent data and fishery independent data.



# Techniques for Reducing Bycatch and other Adverse Impacts

#### Projects that:

- Develop or transfer selective fishing gears or procedures
- Reduce impacts to protected species, candidate/species of concern, and stocks that are overfished
- reduce or eliminate adverse interactions between fishing operations and non-targeted, protected, or prohibited species, essential fish habitat; or critical habitat
- 4) Improve the survivability of species discarded or intentionally released

#### **Priorities**

3. Reducing Adverse Impacts

# Adapting to Climate Change and Other Long Term Ecosystem Change

#### Projects that:

#### **Priorities**

4. Adapting to Climate Change

- 1. Assess the impact of climate change, ocean acidification, and other stressors
- 2. Conduct research that better informs fishery managers on the predator-prey dynamic
- 3. Aid in the understanding and integration of the complex interactions of marine species

## Promotion, Development and Marketing

#### Projects that:

#### **Priorities**

5. Promotion, Development and Marketing

- 1. Promote better business practices to increase product market value
- 2. Develop collaborative and improved regional, national, and global public relations and marketing opportunities for U.S. seafood industries
- Develop projects that support the creation of new marketing opportunities
- 4. Develop usable, value-added fisheries products from economic discards, byproducts of processing, and introduced/nuisance species

## Fisheries Socioeconomics

#### Projects that:

 improve the understanding of the socioeconomic aspects of fisheries to increase information on current and future consequences of management choices for use by decision makers and stakeholders.

**Priorities** 

6. Fisheries Socioeconomics

 Scope includes commercial, recreational, and subsistence fishing and fishing-related businesses and fishing communities.

### **Territorial Science**

**Priorities** 

7. Territorial Science

Projects under this theme are intended to improve the quality and quantity of fishery information from the U.S. territories covered by the Magnuson Act, including the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and the Commonwealths of the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico, that can be used for establishing, enhancing and monitoring Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for Federal fisheries management in these territories.

### **Territorial Science**

#### Projects that:

 improve catch accountability by enhancing fishery statistics in each territory through a variety of techniques, including expanded creel surveys, fish dealer sampling, and other mechanisms

#### **Priorities**

#### **Territorial Science**

#### Continued...

- 2) expand fishery bio-sampling and analysis of bio-sampling data, including activities that would include sampling shoreside and at fish dealers the species of fish most relevant for management
- 3) conduct fishery independent reef fish surveys.
- 4) build critical on-island capacity which could include building home-grown scientific capacity by partnering with local academic institutions to include students in the fishery statistics data collection and bio-sampling life history studies.

I am eligible, my project meets the S-K objectives and fits the 2017 priorities.

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## How do I Apply?

## www.grants.gov

Accessing the NOAA Grant Opportunity



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## Step 1: The S-K Pre-Proposal Process

 The FY17 SK Application Process has added a "Pre-Proposal" to the submission requirements

#### **Pre-Proposals**

- Applicants MUST submit a Pre-Proposal to <u>NMFS.SK.PreProposals@NOAA.gov</u>
- The Pre-Proposal Process is designed to provide an indication to potential applicants of the technical merit and relevancy of the proposed project
- The intent is to reduce the burden of preparing full proposals that do not have a high probability for being funded
- Full proposals will NOT be reviewed or evaluated if a preproposal was not received and ranked

## The S-K Pre-Proposal Format

- Cover Page
  - 1 page
  - Project Title
  - Primary Investigator Information
  - Estimated Budget
  - Project Duration and Requested Dates

### 2 Page Pre-Proposal

- Title
- Background and Priority Addressed
- Relevance to the SK Program
- Objective and Methodology
- Required Permits (if applicable)
- Estimated Budget

NMFS.SK.PreProposals@NOAA.gov



## Pre-Proposal Timeline

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#### **BEFORE YOU APPLY: Get Registered**

In order to apply for a grant, you and/or your organization must complete the Grants.gov registration process. Registration can take between three-five business days or as long as two weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner. Register for grant opportunities now.

Register as an Organization | Register as an Individual



## Applying to the S-K Program

#### www.Grants.gov

**Apply for Grants** 

- Access "www.Grants.gov"
- Apply for Grants
- Step 1: "Download a Grants Application Package
  - NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980
- Select the 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy Competition

## The Application Process

- Step 1: "Download a Grants Application Package
  - NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980
- Application Instructions and S-K FFO
  - Read the FFO

- www.Grants.gov
- **Apply for Grants**
- Application Package
  - Required Forms
    - SF-424
    - SF-424A
    - SF-424B
    - CD-511
    - SF-LLL
  - Narrative Attachments
    - Project Summary
    - Project Narrative
    - Budget Narrative
  - Other Attachments including NEPA Questionnaire

# The National Environmental Policy Act - Questionnaire

#### **NEPA**

- (1) The NEPA questionnaire was created to obtain information generally missing from grant applications/project proposals. Read and answer each question.
- (2) Provide specific information on all work that occurs in the water/environment.
- (3) Provide detail about catch.
- (4) Provide detail about the location and timing of any on the water sampling/fishing activities.
- (5) If the answer to NEPA questionnaire questions is NO, please provide reference/support in the proposal.

## Grants.Gov Submission Review

Register Early



**Start Now!** 

- Submit Early
- Verify Submission is OK
- Received
- Validated
- Rejected with errors?



#### 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy

## Important General Information

- Make sure you are eligible
- Download the FFO from www.Grants.gov
- Read the FFO
  - NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980
- Make sure your project fits the program objectives and priorities
- Register with <u>www.grants.gov</u>
- Submit a pre-proposal
- Apply to NOAA through www.grants.gov

## Important General Information Continued...

2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy

- The 2017 S-K Solicitation Closes 12/09/2016 at 11:59PM (eastern time)
- All applications MUST be submitted prior to the close of this solicitation. Late Applications will not be reviewed.
- Applications must request between \$25K and \$300K in Federal Assistance

## How will my Application be Evaluated?

### Selection Process

- All Applications will be reviewed for merit as outlined in the FFO
- The following Evaluation Criteria are discussed in the FFO:
  - Importance/ Relevance
  - Technical/ Scientific Merit
  - Qualifications of the applicants
  - Project Costs
  - Outreach and Education

### When Will I Know?

### The S-K Timeline

- The Request for Applications is open for 60 days
- RFA closes 12/09/2016
- Due to the number of applications anticipated, and the robust review process applicants will be contacted by NOAA during the month of May

## Important References

Information!

Help!

- Apply at <u>www.grants.gov</u>
- NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980
- 1-800-518-4726 <u>support@grants.gov</u>
- 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy FAQs
- 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy Application Process Guide
- For more Background and History:
  - http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial\_services/skhome.htm

## **NOAA Program Offices**

 Regional NOAA contacts can be found in the Full Funding Opportunity

Program
Ouestions?

- www.grants.gov
- NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2017-2004980
- National Saltonstall-Kennedy Program Manager
  - Daniel A Namur
  - 301-427-8730
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## Question and Answer Session

- Please keep questions related to the information presented in the webinar
- This presentation along with the recorded audio component will be posted to:
- http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial\_services /skhome.htm
- Also posted to this page will be:
  - 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy FAQs
  - 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy Application Process Guide

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